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Technologies, Inc.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
USDOJ, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am the CEO of a firm that works with Microsoft to develop software that is used in the insurance industry. I believe that continuing litigation because of the antitrust suit against Microsoft may be detrimental not only to my firm but also to several companies across the nation. The settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is a well-designed accord that will be beneficial to both the IT industry of which we are a part, and consumers alike.

The past three years spent in court battles have encouraged the government to reach into taxpayers' pockets. The suit has harmed an already staggering economy, and rendered an entire industry dormant. The settlement obligates Microsoft to make all future versions of Windows to be able to easily have computer makers, and consumers integrate non-Microsoft software into Windows. Microsoft has also agreed not to return fire on software and hardware developers that may ship products that compete with the Windows operating system.

I suggest that you work to conclude this settlement, so that our business and the IT industry can begin to rebound and create jobs to help revive the economy. Microsoft has made the technological progress for our country possible and has been a key to our success as a small business for the past seven years. It is time to get back to business as usual; no more time and money should be wasted.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Fuher
Chairman & CEO
XDimensional Technologies, Inc.